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Procurement Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee
on
Foreign Language Publications

UNION CATALOG OF SOVIET MONOGRAPHS
AVAILABLE TO THE IAC AGENCIES

1. Assumption: A central record of Soviet monographic literature of interest to the intelligence community is desirable.

2. Discussion:

a. All intelligence agencies in Washington are, in varying degrees, engaged in research covering political, sociological, economic, military, scientific, technical, and geographic aspects of the Soviet Union. Much of the source material for such research is to be found in published literature. If such research studies are to be of the highest quality possible, it is essential that all available source materials be known.

b. Army, Navy, Air Force, CIA, State, and the Library of Congress are all engaged in collecting Soviet literature. The means of notifying other agencies of monographs received by any one agency are effective in varying degrees. For example, the Library of Congress Monthly List of Russian Accessions includes all monographs received by the Library of Congress or reported to the Library of Congress by one or more of the cooperating research libraries of universities and other institutions. The Accession List and the Recent Additions List, published by CIA, provide a similar service on a selective basis. The Accession List of Scientific and Technical Publications cover such publications received by a part of ONI. The Subject Catalog, published at intervals by G-2, provides a similar service for books received there. The State Department contributes cards to the Union Catalog at the Library of Congress and results of State acquisitions appear in the Monthly List of Russian Accessions. In addition to the published lists mentioned above, the G-2 Library, the State Department Library, and the Library of Congress contribute cards to the Cyrillic Union Catalog maintained by the CIA Library.

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3. Recommendations:

- a. That the Cyrillic Union Catalog be considered the central record of monographs of Soviet literature available to IAC agencies.
- b. That arrangements be made for other IAC agencies to contribute cards to CIA's Cyrillic Union Catalog as is now being done by CIA, State, and G-2.
- c. That the implementation of Recommendations a and b be recommended to the Reference Subcommittee for action.

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